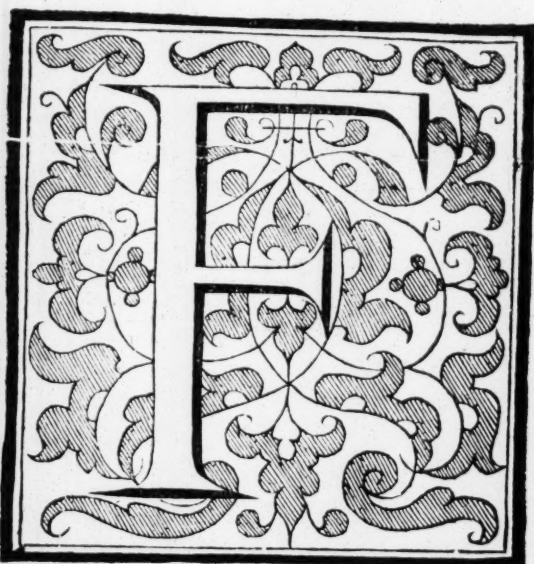


Commune Concilium tentum in Camera Guild-hall,

Ciuitatis London, tricesimo primo die Augusti, Anno Regni Domini nostri, Iacobi nunc Regis, Angliæ, Franciæ, & Hiberniæ, fidei defensor. &c. decimo nono. Coram Francisco Iones milite, Maiore Ciuitatis London, Hecanagio Finch Armigero, Recordatore eiusdem Ciuitat. Thoma Bennet milite, Thoma Low milite, Iohanne Leman milite, Alexandro Prescot, Martino Lumley, Willielmo Gore, Willielmo Holl day, Hugone Hamerfly, Iacobo Cambell, & Nicholas Raynton Aldermannis, ac Edwardo Allen, & Roberto Duce Aldermannis, & Vicecomitibus eiusdem Ciuitatis. Nec non maiori parte Comuniariorum dictæ Ciuitat. existent. assemblant. &c.



Orasimuch, as the due execution of the place & Office of Constable hath of late bene more neglected then heretofore, aswell for that by reason that men of abilitie, and the better sort, are for small fines discharged of that seruice: as also for that such as are Constables are not ready to be found, and many times turne the seruices which themselves ought to performe, to inferiour ministers.

For reformation whereof, and for the better direction and ordering of the election of Constables within this Citie and Liberties and Suburbes thereof, It is ordayned and enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, and the right Worshipful the Aldermen his Brethren, and the Commons in this Common Councell assembled, and by the authority of the same, That no person shalbe from henceforth freed or exempted from bearing the Office of Constable, within any the Precincts of this Citie, or the Liberties thereof, if hee be thereunto duely elected (except Strangers borne, and such as by the Lawes of this Land ought to be exempted) but shall vndergoe and serue the same Office in his owne

person, and shall be sworne for the due execution thereof. Neuerthelesse, if any person hereafter to be chosen Constable, shall after such Oath taken, make knowne to the Alderman of the Ward, within which precinct he shall be chosen Constable for the time being, or to the Deputie or Deputies, and common councell of the same Warde, That he is not able to execute the same, in regard of Age, or Weakenesse of body, or by reason of some necessarie affayres beyond the Seas, or other occasion: and that they or the greater number of them, shall allow of such cause: If then such person so elected, shall procure a fit person, such as shall be allowed and approued of by such Alderman, deputie or deputies, and Common councell of such Ward, or the greater number of them, to serue him, & as his deputie in the Office of constable, then such person so to be procured, shall be admitted and sworne to serue the same place and Office.

And it is further enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid, That every Constable or his Deputie to be allowed and sworne as aforesaid, shall watch in his owne person, as his turne or watch-night cometh about, and shall not put in his place the Beadle of the Ward, or some one of the watch-men, as hath too commonly bene accustomed, except such Constable or Deputie shall be then sicke, or hindered, or letted by any reasonable or lawfull cause.

And for that the Ward of Faringdon Without is very spacious, and many dangerous and suspected persons inhabite, lodge, and resort thither, It is therefore ordayned and enacted by the authoritie aforesaid, That the sirtene Constables of the said Ward, shall by two in a night (within their precincts) watch in severall places of the said Ward, viz: One on Saint Sepulchers side, and the other on Fleete-streete side. And that the severall Deputies of the severall Wardes, may haue from the Chamber of London, printed Passports to be deliuered to the severall Constables or their Deputies, as cause shall require, to passe and send away such Rogues and vagrants as appeare not to be incorrigible, from Constable to Constable, to the proper place of their abode, according to the Statute in that behalfe made.

And forasmuch as the Citie generally is more full of able and sufficient men, to beare the Office of Constable, then hath bene heretofore, It is therefore enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid, That if any Constable hereafter be chosen and sworne, and shall haue serued one yeare in Precincts where they haue formerly bene chosen two yeares before: and that there be sufficient choice of men in the precincts, Then the Inhabitants within the severall precincts, may haue libertie at their pleasure, to excuse and dispense with that Constable for his second yeares seruice: provided, That hee pay towards the necessary charges and seruice of the Ward, in any extraordinarie accidents or occasions, such summe of money, and not exceeding five pounds, as by the Alderman, his Deputie, and Common Councell men, or the greater part of them shall be appointed, the same to be payed to the Church-Wardens of the Parish wherein the said precinct is, to the vse of the Ward, and to be called for by the Alderman or his Deputie or deputies, when occasion shall require.

And it is further enacted by the Authoritie aforesaid, That such persons as now serue, or hereafter shall be chosen to the place of Common Councell men, in the severall Wardes of this Citie and Liberties thereof, if they shall alter their habitations from the Ward wherein they were so chosen to another Ward, That then they shall not be chosen in that second Ward, to inferiour place of Scavenger or Constable, nor be returned by the Wardmote Inquest, to be of the grand or petty Juries, if there shall be other able and sufficient men to serue and supply those places and seruices, any thing heretofore vled to the contrary notwithstanding.

God saue the King.

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